Regulations commence:
Two years after the Regulations are made or after a new dam is commissioned.

Does the structure meet the definition of a dam as per the Building Act 2004?
Does the dam meet the definition of a classifiable dam as per the Building Dam Safety Regulations 2022?
If the answer is yes to both of these questions, here are the steps you need to follow.

One to two years:
After the Regional Authority approves the PIC, the Dam Safety Assurance Programme (DSAP) must be submitted.

Prepare a DSAP which includes the following elements:
- Dam and reservoir operation and maintenance
- Surveillance programme
- Inspection and maintenance of appurtenant structures
- Environmental, maintenance, and testing of gate and valve systems
- Dam safety reviews
- Comprehensive dam safety reviews
- Emergency planning and response
- Identifying and managing dam safety issues.

Have the DSAP certified by a Recognised Engineer. Submit the DSAP to the Regional Authority for approval.
Low PIC - not required.
Moderate PIC - submitted up to two years after the R&A approves the PIC.
High PIC - submitted up to 12 months after the R&A approves the PIC.

One year:
On the anniversary of the approval of the DSAP, an Annual Dam Compliance Certificate must be submitted.

Prepare the Dam Compliance Certificate, Have the Dam Compliance certificate by a Recognised Engineer.
Submit the Regional Authority with a Dam Compliance Certificate.
Low PIC - not required.
Moderate and High PIC - on the anniversary of the DSAP approval.

Within five years:
Review the dam’s PIC.
Have the PIC certified by a Recognised Engineer.
Submit the PIC to the Regional Authority for approval.
Low PIC - not required.
Moderate PIC - review within five years of the DSAP being approved.
High PIC - review within five years of the DSAP being approved.

Within five to ten years:
Review the DSAP.
Have the DSAP certified by a Recognised Engineer.
Submit the DSAP to the Regional Authority for approval.
Low PIC - not required.
Moderate PIC - review within ten years of the DSAP being approved.
High PIC - review within ten years of the DSAP being approved.

Potential Impact Classification (PIC) must be submitted:

Determine the dam’s PIC.
Have the PIC certified by a Recognised Engineer.
Submit the PIC to the Regional Authority for approval.

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